# SCORECARD AT A GLANCE: SOUTHWEST Region

## **Economy**

Goal: Be a national leader in the preservation and enhancement of our economy.

Personal Income	<b>→</b>
Employment Growth	<b>1</b>
Poverty	<b>→</b>
Unemployment	<b>1</b>
Workforce Quality	<b>1</b>
Business Startups	<b>→</b>
Exports	•
High-tech Firms	<b>→</b>

## Health and Family

Goal: Inspire and support Virginians toward healthy lives and strong and resilient families.

Child Abuse and Neglect	•
Foster Care	<b>→</b>
Health Insurance	<b>1</b>
Health Risk Factors	•
Mortality and Longevity	<b>→</b>
Teen Pregnancy	1

#### Performance Trend

**Improving** Maintaining Worsening

# **Public Safety**

Goal: Protect the public's safety and security, ensure a fair and effective system of justice, and provide a prepared response to emergencies and disasters of all kinds.

Crime	1
Juvenile Intakes	<b>→</b>
Traffic Fatalities	<b>1</b>

# Transportation

**Goal:** Ensure Virginia has a transportation system that is safe, enables the easy movement of people and goods, enhances the economy, and improves our quality of

Alternative Commuting

### Education

Goal: Elevate the levels of educational preparedness and attainment of our citizens.

School Readiness 3rd Grade Reading High School Graduation High School Dropout College Degrees Awarded **Educational Attainment** 

## Natural Resources

Goal: Protect, conserve, and wisely develop our natural, cultural, and historic resources.

Air Pollution Land Preservation

## Government and Citizens

Goal: Be recognized as the best-managed state in the nation.

Internet Access Tax Burden Voter Registration (2015)

Voter Turnout (2014)



#### Localities within the Southwest Region:

Accomack, Essex, King George, Lancaster, Bland, Bristol, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd, Galax, Grayson, Lee, Norton, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe

#### **Population Statistics:**

Total Population (2015): 406,389 Share of Total State Population: 4.8% Percent Growth (since 2010): -2.6%

#### Some Key Performance Measures:

- Employment growth back in positive territory for first time since FY 2011
- Consistently has highest rate among the regions for child abuse
- Since 2008 has had the lowest attainment of bachelor's degrees among all the regions
- Highest SOL test scores among the regions for 3rd grade reading in 2015 (80.2%)

Measuring what matters to Virginians





